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August 6, 2007

To: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Chairman
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From: William T Fujioka
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STATUS REPORT ON THE COUNTYWIDE ENHANCED SPECIALIZED FOSTER CARE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLAN (ITEM NO. 47, AGENDA OF AUGUST 7, 2007)

Item Number 47 on your Board's August 7, 2007 agenda relates to a report from my office on the implementation timeline and financing options for the modified Countywide Enhanced Specialized Foster Care Mental Health Services Plan (County Plan). The County Plan was initially presented to your Board for approval on July 17, 2007. On that date, your Board continued action on the County Plan, pending receipt of my report.

As indicated on the August 7, 2007 agenda, we are requesting a two-week extension to August 21, 2007, in order to complete our analysis of the financing components developed by the Departments of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Mental Health (DMH) and the timeline for implementation during 2007-08.

In the interim, we wanted to provide a status report on the Departments' implementation, as further instructed by your Board, of those portions of the County Plan that do not require budgetary changes. At this time, DMH is proceeding with implementation of 474 slots of intensive in-home services in Service Areas 1, 6 and 7, which were included in Phase I of the Enhanced Specialized Foster Care Mental Health Services Program. These consist of the following programs: Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) (80 slots), Multisystemic Therapy (MST) (80 slots), and the Comprehensive Children's Services Program (CCSP) (314 slots), that includes other evidence-based treatment approaches for children in foster care. In addition, the Multidisciplinary Assessment Team (MAT) is being implemented in Service Area 1.

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As of our latest review, the total estimated annual cost for the enhanced services in the County Plan, including the additional staffing, services and supplies, and contractor costs for DMH and DCFS is \$86.8 million, reduced slightly from the estimate of \$90.3 million included in our earlier Board letter. These costs are anticipated to be partially offset with Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) State General Funds (SGF), EPSDT - Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal, and Intrafund Transfer from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The annualized total net County cost (NCC) impact is projected to be \$33.2 million when these services are fully implemented. As indicated above, we are continuing to work with DMH and DCFS staff to confirm the implementation timeline and to identify FY 2007-08 pro-rated costs, including the associated staffing needs, related services and supplies costs, and contractor costs. These estimates, along with an implementation timetable and financing options will be included in our report which we anticipate submitting to your Board by August 14, 2007, in advance of the scheduled August 21, 2007 meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact David Seidenfeld of my staff at (213) 974-1457 or via email at dseidenfeld@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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